

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 19, and 20 are independent.

The undersigned would like to thank Examiners Lesniewski and Jaroenchonwanit for the cordial and productive interview of April 27, 2006. The Examiners' helpful comments and suggestions were instrumental in preparing this response.

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 15, 16, 19 and 20 are rejected over Lang '492 in view of Boukobza '664 for the reasons discussed on pages 2-7 of the February 9, 2005 Office Action. In the October 31, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner states that the Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131 filed August 9, 2005 is ineffective to overcome the Lang patent. Applicant respectfully traverses all art rejections and the statement regarding the Declaration.

As discussed at the interview, Applicant respectfully submits that Exhibit A of the Declaration provides clear support for the claimed features. For example, the paragraphs entitled "Universal On-Board Diagnostic Server", "Purpose", and "Client/Server Architecture" describe elements set forth in the body of the Declaration and in the pending independent claims. As to diligence, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's

attention to the long list of patent applications set forth in the first paragraph of the specification, which clearly indicates that Applicant was diligent in reducing the invention to practice from a time prior to January 27, 1999 up to the filing date of the subject application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Rule 131 Declaration by inventor Nathanson is effective to antedate U.S. Patent No. 6,295,492 to Lang. Thus, the rejections of independent Claims 1, 19 and 20 (and their dependent claims) have been overcome.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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